

USDA Urges Stable Laying Flock in Second Half of '71

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has recommended to egg producers that the laying flock and egg-type replacement hatch during the July-December period of 1971 be held at about the same level as a year earlier, and that total egg production during this period not increase from the

like period in 1970 by more than one per cent.

These recommendations are made by USDA's Consumer and Marketing Service, in "Egg Marketing Guide for July-December 1971," PMG-18. The guides are issued semiannually to help the egg industry plan production levels resulting in

reasonable lower prices to producers and consumers throughout the year

The nation's laying flock totaled 330 million head on January 1, 1971—16 per cent more than a year earlier. The flock was also exceptionally young and is expected to produce at a higher rate than a year earlier.

The increasing use and effectiveness of Marek's disease vaccines is likely to reduce any declines in the flock.

Thus, C&MS recommends that the January-June 1971 egg-type pullet hatch be reduced from the previously recommended cut of 16 per cent to a cut of 22 per cent, to compensate for the additional pullets expected to enter flocks.

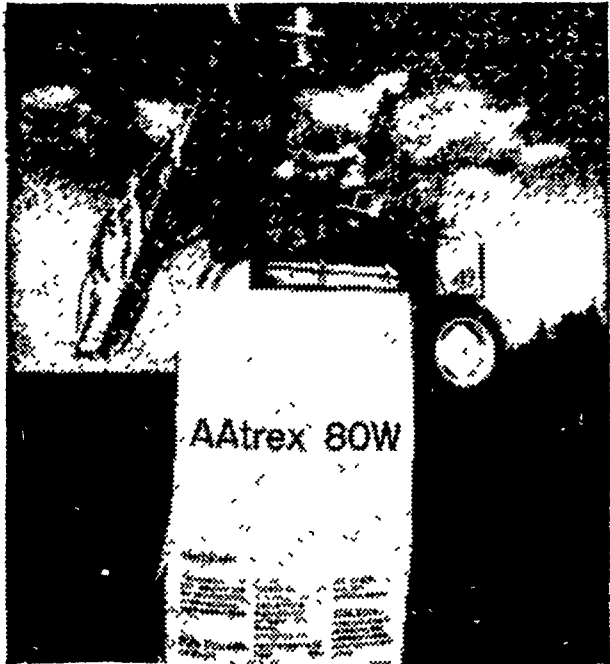
The recommendations on the July-December 1971 replacement hatch were made because, in order to avoid wide year-to-year swings in egg prices from January-June, the size of the replacement hatch during the preceding July-December period must be held within reasonable limits.

The recommendations on the July-December 1971 laying flock and total egg productions were formulated because on balance, considering culling rate expectations, it seems most likely that the January-June 1971 laying flock will continue slightly larger and lay at a higher rate than during the same period of 1970.

PMG-18, which gives details of the recommendations, will soon be available from state and county Agricultural Extension Service offices in egg producing areas.

Copies of this guide will also be available from the Information Division, Consumer and Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, N. Y. 10007.

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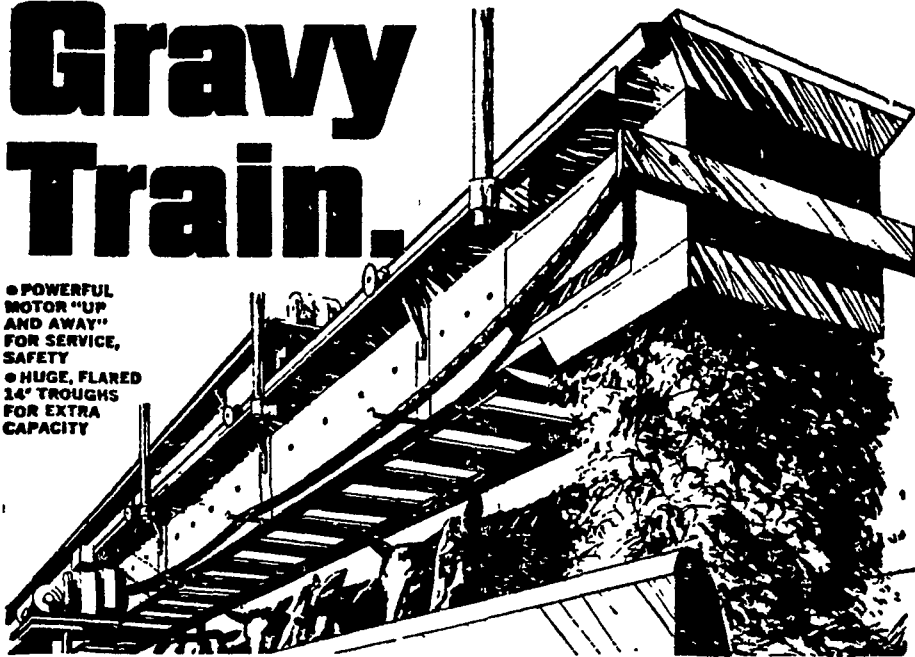
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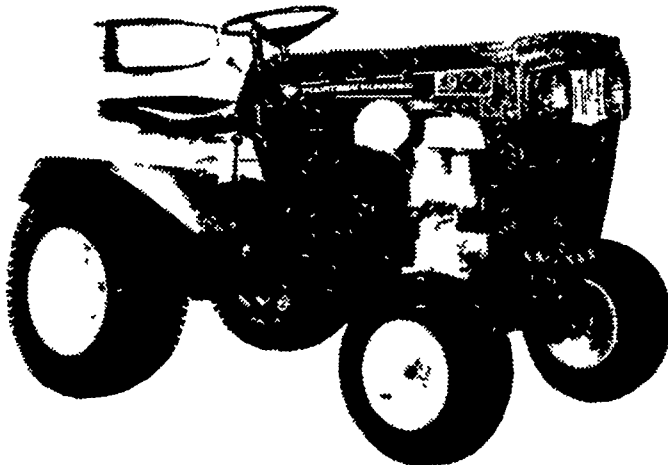
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